

Announcement

We have taken over the John Deere and DeLaval agencies from Mr. W. V. Miller, who will look after this end of our business during the coming season.

We will be able to give an up to date service in repair parts and new machinery as you have had in times past from Mr. Miller.

J. L. ACHESON
—FOR—
EVERYTHING IN HARDWARE

Order Your
Counter Sales Books
at the office of
The Oyen News

Dry Lumber in Shed

A bigger and better stock than ever is our motto for this year.

Nothing too big, nothing too small.

We intend giving you lower prices and better service during the present year.

BEAVER LUMBER
COMPANY LIMITED
IN YOUR TOWN
AND A HUNDRED OTHERS

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I beg to announce to my customers and the general public, that I have opened my new general store business in the building formerly occupied by The Oyen Trading Co., (one door north of the Telephone Exchange).

My stocks are being filled rapidly, and I can assure my customers of the same courteous and satisfactory service that was given in the past.

J. J. PURCELL
General Merchant

Nineteen Rinks Compete In Eighth Annual Bospiel

Five Outside Entries—Anderson of Margengo, Bishop of Golden Centre, Todd of Chinook and Courtright and Crockett of Youngstown.

Good Ice Makes Sport Enjoyable



CHAIRMAN OF LIQUOR COMMISSION
D. B. Hanna, former President and General Manager of the Canadian National Railway, who has been appointed Chairman of the Commission to administer Ontario's system of Government control of liquor.

WEDDING

Chalmers—Reid

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mrs. John Reid, 330 Fortieth avenue west, on Wednesday, February 9, at 5 o'clock, when her only daughter, Sarah Alexander Walker, became the bride of Ralph Donaldson Chalmers, of Oyen, Alberta. The Rev. George A. Dickson of Knox United Church officiating.

To the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, played by Mr. Robert G. Reid, the bride entered the drawing room on the arm of her brother, Mr. James W. Reid, who gave her in marriage. She was attended by Miss Emma Snodgrass and Miss Nettie Reid, niece of the bride; the groom being supported by his brother, Mr. George H. Chalmers. During the singing of the register Miss Marion Clendinning sang "At Dawning." Mrs. John Reid, mother of the bride, received the guests numbering about sixty.

After the ceremony a dainty buffet supper was served. Mrs. T. A. Reid, Mrs. G. E. Reid, Miss Leona Weber and Miss Margaret Gauld assisted.

After a short honeymoon spent at Banff, Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers will make their home here at Oyen, Alberta.—Calgary Herald.

Tourist Highways

Alberta is to have an added attraction for tourists during the coming season, with the completion of permanent all-weather highways through the main parts of the province. The trunk highway from the International Border through to Edmonton, will be completely travelled during the coming year, and will be practically ready for all tourist traffic. The highway from Calgary west to Banff and from Macleod west through the Crow's Nest Pass, have also been completed for tourist travel and this will now give road access for tourists to some of the most famous mountain scenery in the world.

The eighth annual bospiel started yesterday at 9 a.m., with fewer entries than in past years. While favored with good ice, the thermometer was registering rather too low for real comfort.

Games in the Grand Challenge were played yesterday at 9 a.m., 11:30, 2 p.m., 4:30, 7:00 and 9:30 at which time the second competition, the Citizens Event was commenced, followed by another draw at midnight.

The first draw this morning commenced at 8 a.m. The second draw was postponed till noon on account of the funeral of the late Mrs. Desmond. From twelve noon, draws were continued every two and a half hours.

Personnel of Visiting Rinks—Margengo—A. McLeod, G. W. Bersang, P. Francoeur, and "Sandy" Anderson. Golden Centre—H. E. H. L. F. E. and C. A. Bishop. (This is a rink of brothers, who play their respective positions according to age.)

Chinook—O. L. Mielke, R. A. Morrison, L. S. Dawson, and W. A. Todd.

Youngstown—L. Shaw, A. Watson, G. Harper and E. M. Crockett, T. E. Scott, Wm. McCool, F. Sterling and Len Courtright.

Legislature Opens

The Sixth Legislature of Alberta opened its first session at Edmonton last Thursday afternoon. Mr. George N. Johnson was elected speaker of the Assembly, and the address from the throne was delivered by Lieutenant Governor Egbert. The speech called attention to Alberta's winnings in agricultural exhibits abroad, and spoke of the agriculture prosperity which was on the increase in the province. The session is expected to last about six weeks.

Oyen District Builders Luncheon

The regular monthly luncheon of the Oyen District Builders Association was held last Saturday in the Alberta Hotel, and attended by Mr. D. Warwick and Mr. R. Bates were the speakers, the former giving an interesting talk on "Marketing Poultry" as well as touching on the marketing problems of other farm products, and Mr. Bates contributed an instructive lesson on "The Care of Machinery."

The popularity of this monthly luncheon, is evidenced by the splendid attendance. Those who have not yet availed themselves of the opportunity to be present at previous luncheons are urged to come to the next, which will be held at 12:30 Saturday, March 19.

NEW GOODS

Our shipment of New Spring Goods have arrived, making our stock quite complete. Call and inspect our stock.

Braids New Offer

Braids offer through us their agent, a Japanese Tea Pot free with the purchase of One pound of Braids Best Blue Label Tea, and One pound Braids Best Coffee, all for \$1.50. This is to introduce their new Tea.

Braids Best Blue Label.

S. A. MILLER

Complete Stock

of Fancy Goods, High Grade Pipes, and Smoker's Accessories selling at a 20 per cent discount.

Harry Rhys

What about that new SUIT OR OVERCOAT?

I have just received new spring samples from THE REX TAILORING Co. (of Toronto)

Come in and look them over—You'll find just what you want in the latest and most unique styles.

J. B. LOWE

Radio Bargains

We offer the following Victor Northern Electric radio sets at a straight discount of 15 per cent of regular prices.

7 tube set, regular \$250.00 .. Sale \$187.50

3 tube set, regular \$118.50 .. Sale \$88.50

3 tube set, regular \$105.00 .. Sale \$79.00

(Above complete with loud speakers)

2 tube set, regular \$54.00 .. Sale \$40.50

(Complete with head phone)

Hear our latest Victor Records

MacArthur's Grocery

NO PRESENT NEED FOR CANADIAN TROOPS IN CHINA

Ottawa.—Under present conditions the Government feels that no useful purpose could be served by the dispatch of Canadian troops to China, stated Premier Mackenzie King in a quotation.

Premier King's statement follows: "The protection of life and property in any country, whether of national or of alien, is primarily the duty of the government of that country. Of late civil war in China, now of several years' duration, has increased the difficulty of ensuring that protection, and the evacuation of certain interior areas by foreign residents has been considered an advisable precaution. At the same time, it must be recognized that the loss of life by foreigners in these years of disturbance has been relatively small. So far as is known, only one Canadian has been killed; the existence of a political motive in this case, which occurred in June, 1925, was not fully established, and the murderer was shot immediately by Chinese soldiers.

"Canada is in full sympathy with the desire of the Chinese people to secure control of their own destiny, having the regard to the safety of life and property of foreign residents. While there are extremist elements in the Chinese population, as regards the responsible leaders and the great majority of the Chinese people the present nationalist movement has directed not against the lives or private rights of foreign residents, but against 'the special privileges or the measures of control over Chinese affairs exercised by foreign countries as regards extraterritoriality, customs, concessions, and other matters.

"Canada has in the past had any part in shaping or maintaining the policy of acquiring such rights or privileges in China, and has had no part in the recent negotiations for their readjustment.

"The Canadian Government is, however, in full sympathy with the British foreign secretary's announced policy of 'going as far as possible to meet the legitimate aspirations of the Chinese nation,' and believes that this course is the best adapted to ensure protection of life and of religious and business interests.

"Under these circumstances it is not considered that it would serve any useful purpose to propose dispatching Canadian troops to China. If the situation should change the government will take the earliest opportunity of consulting with parliament as to the appropriate course to pursue."

Coast Lutherans Have Established School

Object to Religious Instruction in the Public Schools

Nelson, B.C.—The British Columbia Lutheran pastoral conference, concluding its sessions here, declared against "importing of religion by means of governmental institutions," otherwise publicly supported schools, terming such a violation of the principle of separating church and state.

The conference advised St. John's Lutheran, Nelson, to open a Christian day school.

The mission board of Alberta and British Columbia is asked to supply this province with additional missionaries all for the interior.

Germans Play British Games

Believe Sport Makes Fine Nation

Baron Ambassadors to Berlin

London.—Lord D'Abernon, British ambassador to Berlin, has returned to England, and states that the Germans are playing under British rules. He believes that sport makes a fine nation.

Lord D'Abernon's statement has been verified by the decision of the German Reichstag to vote a sum of \$25,000 in aid of the German propaganda to discover the best possible candidates for the Olympic games next year.

Counsel for Alberta

Ottawa.—The Supreme Court has appointed R. J. Scott, K.C., of Toronto, counsel for the province of Alberta, in the Alberta school reference. The reference will be heard this month, probably early next month.

Marco Polo (1254-1255) was the first European to traverse Asia.

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Byrd Enters Competition

Will Take Part in Trans-Atlantic Flight for \$25,000 Prize

New York.—Commander Richard Byrd, air conqueror of the North Pole, will compete this spring for the \$25,000 prize offered by Raymond Orvig for the first non-stop flight between New York and Paris. The New York Times says: "A Fokker monoplane of the Jupiter type, in which Byrd reached the top of the world, is now being built for the flier for use in the forthcoming flight. The new machine, slightly larger than the Jupiter, will be driven by three Wright whirling engines of 225 horsepower each.

Just when Byrd will start had not yet been learned. The Times says, although it is believed that he will leave in the late May or early June. His plane will have a flying radius of at least 4,000 miles, providing a fair factor of safety in the 3,000-mile trip from New York to Paris. One-third of the distance will be over land, the two-thirds over the ocean.

One competing flight Byrd may face is that of the French aviator, Commander Paulhan, who is in charge of the flight. The French aviator, Commander Paulhan, who is in charge of the flight, is reported to be contemplating entering the race.

Commander Byrd will probably fly along the New England coast to Newfoundland and then along the great circle to the Southern tip of England and France.

May Visit Canada Later

Official Visit of King George Possible Says London Paper

London.—"It is to be hoped that Canadians will understand the real impossibility of King George's accepting the invitation to visit the Dominion in July," declares The Weekly Truth.

A month's absence from England at that time of the year is so clearly out of the question that it is a wonder His Majesty should have been invited to the Dominion in July," declares The Weekly Truth.

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Britain Replies To U.S.

Considered-Tantamount to Rejection of U.S. Terms for Entering World Court

Geneva.—Official Britain has informed the League of Nations that she is replying to the United States on that country's world court reservation in accordance with the terms of the instrument drawn up in Geneva at the world court conference last year.

As this instrument did not accept completely the fifth United States reservation concerning advisory opinions, it is considered that the British reply is tantamount to rejection of the conditions governing the United States' possible entry into the world court.

Large Sum Paid Depositors

Claimants on Home Bank Receive \$27,238,222 From Federal Government

Ottawa.—Home Bank depositors have received to date a total of \$27,238,222 from the Federal Government. A statement tabled in the House of Commons showed that during 1925 the department of finance paid claimants on the defunct bank a sum of \$1,598,412. In 1925 the amount paid to claimants was \$549,469.

Ontario Rival Commission

Toronto, Ont.—Premier Ferguson's "strong and able" committee to investigate the Ontario race situation will be the former president and chairman of the Canadian National Rival Commission, D. B. Hanna, the prime minister announced. The premier further announced that Mr. Hanna would be "assisted" by two commissioners, one from each of the two main parties.

Mr. Hanna, former Conservative M.P., Ottawa, and Hon. R. J. Manion, Conservative M.P., for Fort William.

For Entertaining Queen Marie

Ottawa.—A modest item of \$100,000 in the statement of "income and expenses," tabled in the House of Commons. It represents an expenditure by Government House on entertainments for Queen Marie of Romania in Ottawa.

May Appeal to League

London.—England may inform the powers as soon as the occasion offers that it desires the League of Nations to intervene in the Chinese situation, The Daily News says.

Immigration Shows Increase

January Report Shows More Arrivals Than in January 1925

Montreal.—An indication that a substantial increase in immigration to Canada will be experienced this season is it is stated by the Canadian National Railways that arrivals at the Atlantic port of Halifax so far this year show an increase of approximately 51 per cent. In comparison with arrivals during the similar period of 1925.

The month of January and the beginning of February is a period when large numbers arrive in the Dominion and an increase in the first weeks of the year is regarded as promising.

REFERENDUM IN MANITOBA ON THE SALE OF BEER

Winnipeg—Premier John Bracken gave the Legislature an outline of the Government's policy toward the proposed referendum in the province on the sale of beer.

The Government, he said, proposes to introduce a bill which before its passage may be worded to suit all parties in the Legislature. This bill will be submitted in the form of a referendum.

The premier was answering criticism directed against the Government during the course of the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the Throne, in which Opposition leaders had inferred that the Government was trying to avoid responsibility by submitting to the people a bill from some outside source.

Premier Bracken was emphatic in stating that a referendum on the beer question was justified.

Mr. Bracken outlined the Government's policy on immigration and colonization. He forecast the creation of a central agricultural development board, with sub-agencies throughout the province, to aid, direct and generally supervise settlement of vacant lands. He also indicated that a competent mining expert from the University of Manitoba would be engaged to direct the government's work in developing the province's mineral resources.

Heart Disease Ranke First

New York.—Heart disease was the first today among the causes of death, and if nothing is done to check the present situation it will claim as its victims one-fifth of the present population. These were the figures given recently by a physician who has examined thousands of people for a leading insurance company.

HARD FOR THE JUDGES

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C. N. RAILWAY ESTIMATES ARE TABLED IN HOUSE

Ottawa.—Hon. J. A. Robt, Minister of Finance tabled estimates of \$21,000,000 for the Canadian National Railways for the present fiscal year. The estimates for the same year were brought down last session less \$10,000,000.

An estimate for \$10,000,000 for the Canadian Government merchant marine was also tabled by Mr. Robt. This represents the main estimate for the Merchant Marine of last session less \$200,000 then voted. The total appropriation to the Canadian National and the Merchant Marine is estimated at \$21,400,000.

They are classified as loans. Five petitions asking for the transfer of the natural resources of Alberta to that province without later reference, were presented in the House. A petition not to exceed \$2,500 per annum for Canadian miners of the Victoria Cross in the Great War is suggested by T. L. Church, M.P., Toronto.

A bill to amend the Railway Act by the establishing of special freight rates on coal was introduced in the House by Mr. Church, M.P., Toronto. The Toronto member said coal should be carried on the same special rate basis as grain and flour.

Mr. J. G. Gairdner, U.P.A., Bow River, placed a resolution on the order paper declaring that Canada's prime minister should be under no obligation to obtain the sanction of the majority of the House before advising His Excellency the Governor-General to dissolve parliament.

A measure to give financial assistance to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Association will be introduced by Hon. W. R. McMillen, minister of agriculture.

Notice has been given by the Government of legislation for establishment of rural credit, old age pensions, for revaluation of holder's stock, for the pensioning of war veterans, for the abolition of tax on receipts. The legislation was before the House last session but failed to pass. Mr. Gairdner said the Government is bringing down a bill for a loan of \$125,000,000 to the Montreal Harbour Commissioners and a bill to confirm the scheme of arrangement for the purchase of the stock of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

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Proposed Creamery Merger

Matter is Introduced in Saskatchewan Legislature by Premier Gardiner

Saskatoon.—Premier Gardiner's announcement of the amalgamation of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Creameries, Limited, and the Saskatchewan Creameries, Limited, was made in the Saskatchewan Legislature. He moved the adjournment of the house in order to make his statement, which was received in tense silence. There was discussion on the statement and after the premier finished his motion for the adjournment, the house proceeded with routine business.

"The government has been made acquainted with the fact that the Saskatchewan Co-operative Creameries, Limited, had approached the Saskatchewan Creameries, Limited, with a view to an amalgamation and that negotiations with this object in view have been under way for some time," said Premier Gardiner.

"It is considered by these interested parties that the proposed amalgamation will make possible the operation of the creamery in such a manner as to greatly benefit the dairy industry of the province.

"It will be necessary, if the amalgamation is consummated, for certain amendments to be made to the present co-operative creameries act. It is intended that the proposed new company shall operate under the name of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Creameries, Limited, and under the Co-operative Creameries act.

"In the event amalgamation legislation brought before the house, an opportunity will then be offered for a full discussion of the whole matter."

War Expenses Increase

Expenditures Resulting From Great War Bear Heavily on Canada

Ottawa.—Canada's expenditures directly resulting from the Great War are not decreasing. During the fiscal year ended last March, the Dominion spent \$1,241,000,000 on pensions, allowances, soldier land settlement and re-establishment, memorials and war graves. The sum represents a net increase of \$252,751 over the previous fiscal year. The figures do not include the interest on that part of the public debt attributable to the war.

These figures are published in the auditor-general's report.

Noted Singer Given Estate

Soviet Restore Part of Land Confiscated After Revolution

Moscow.—Departing from its unusual principle of nationalization, the Soviet government has restored to Feodor Chaliapin, noted singer, part of his 800-acre estate in the province of Yaroslavl, expecting that he will return to Russia soon. The estate, confiscated after the revolution, for several years will be occupied by Chaliapin's wife and family, who are living in a flat in Moscow.

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CHINESE POLICY IS UPHELD IN THE BRITISH HOUSE

London.—The House of Commons rejected a Labor amendment to the policy in reply to the Chinese Thirteenth, moved by Charles P. Trevelyan, challenging the Government's policy in China, by a vote of 300 to 112.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain gave an important explanation of the Government's policy, which included a statement that for the sake of advancing negotiations leading to a settlement of the difficulty, only an Indian brigade would be landed at Shanghai unless unforeseen dangers arose.

The sting was taken out of the Labor attack by Mr. Austen's announcement concerning the troops.

Ramsey MacDonald, the Opposition leader, sought to defend Labor's amendment. He contended that the Government policy of defence was bound to end in an offensive, but he recognized that the Government's policy was sound and hoped the Government would be duly weighed at Harlow.

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Anyone who thinks that a judge in a beauty contest in Saskatchewan has a sliver has only to glance at the above picture of the beauty who has as her main prize the silver challenge trophy donated by Premier King and she will be convinced in the place of honor at all the other events including the ball to be held every evening in the armories. The coronation is the biggest thing ever attempted in Western Canada and the lady who will rule it with her scepter will have to be every bit as perfect as the trophy.

The photographs are by the Canadian National Railways which are co-operating to make the carnival a success.

CIVIL SERVICE IS TO BENEFIT BY SALARY REVISION

Ottawa.—The Civil Service Commission, which for some months has been carrying out instructions of the government for a report on salary revision, has completed its work. The report, however, which is about to be taken up by the cabinet, may not be made public until it is considered by that body.

It is understood that a horizontal increase in salaries is recommended affecting all grades up to those receiving an annual salary of \$5,000. The change that is proposed applies both to the public and outside service, and the total increased expenditure estimated would be \$2,500,000 a year. Everybody is in line for an increase, both in the temporary and permanent classifications, and the extra money that is proposed to be provided is designed to absorb the cost of living increase which was instituted some years ago and meanwhile has been subjected to different modifications. In some

It is always easier to criticize small mistakes of others than it is not to make a few large ones of ourselves.

The Law of Progress Is Reflected In Age-Old Science Of Surveying And Mapping

The science of surveying is one of the oldest in the world, extending back through the mists of antiquity to the early days along the banks of the Nile and, for all we know, even farther. But, although truly venerable it is not yet too old to adapt itself to modern uses nor to appreciate whatever it may find of service in the onward march of civilization.

The "groma," one of the most ancient of surveying instruments used for angle measuring in the early Egyptian days, was constructed from the centre vire of date-palm leaves bound together by lashings of date-palm bark. From this crude beginning it is a far step to some of the highly specialized and efficient instruments in use today in the evolution of which countless inventions and adaptations have been called upon. Inventions and adaptations which their principles and application present a diversity about as wide as it is possible to conceive.

The transit-theodolite, for instance, the modern angle-measuring instrument and the logical successor to the groma, has been gradually evolved taking one idea here, another there, until it has reached its present state. That this state is by no means perfect as yet is evident from a recent tendency to refer to it as a further change looking toward a lessening of weight, at the same time with an increase in compactness, stability and accuracy.

The transit-theodolite, however, although a very important instrument to the surveyor, is not his only instrument. Many classes of surveys may be carried on where this instrument is either not used at all or, if used, plays a minor role. In fact, sometimes instruments are used in surveying that may not be generally thought of as survey instruments.

One of these that might be mentioned is the barometer. This instrument measures the pressure of the atmosphere and is ordinarily thought of in connection with weather forecasting. But differences of atmospheric pressure also occur with difference of elevation. This principle is used to determine elevations of points above sea level, a matter of such vital importance in topographic mapping.

As another instance, shortly after Confederation, when the great areas of Western Canada began to be opened up, our countrymen, in the necessity of providing maps of the rugged areas of the Rocky Mountains, found that the methods of mapping were impractical and expensive, and new means had to be devised. In calling about for these means, the country was turned to the application of methods devised by the late Dr. E. G. Burt, surveyor-general of Canada, and his assistants. In their development were highly technical but in their application quite simple, this work went satisfactorily ahead. There might not be much consideration, appear to be much in connection between the art of taking pictures and that of mapping the country, but the method evolved, namely that of photo-topographic mapping, has shown in the use of aerial photography, the use of the surrounding country from high points offering commanding views and by an inversion of the principles of perspective, these photographs are translated into topographic maps.

The recent application of the aeroplane to the science of surveying is fairly generally known. When man began to fly with a reasonable degree of success, it was long before the possibilities began to be considered of substituting the moving aeroplane for the stationary mountain peak as a support for the surveyor's camera. Try as one might, the method could be applied to other than mountainous country, a most valuable feature when the extent of territory still unmanaged in our country is considered.

Mathematicians attacked the problem and the aerial photographic method of mapping was thus evolved. A method that has proven itself particularly adaptable to Canadian mapping needs. By this method alone the Topographical Survey, Department of the Interior, working in conjunction with the Royal Canadian Air Force, and provincial surveyors, has already in Ontario and Quebec, last year covered 35,000 square miles of territory, an area which by other methods would represent 3 years' work and tremendous expense.

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Game Conservation Needed

Urges Protection of the Fish and Game Life of Saskatchewan

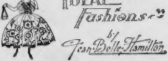
Need of taking advantage of the experience of other parts of America by conserving the fish and game life of the province while there is time, was urged upon the members of the Saskatchewan Fish and Game Protective Association, Saskatoon Branch, by Fred Bradshaw, Regina, provincial game commissioner, and by George C. Macdonald, Prince Albert, Dominion Fisheries Inspector for Saskatchewan, at the annual game banquet of the association. It was pointed out that every eighth person in Saskatchewan had a car, every sixth a gun. Improving mention was also made of the proposed provincial legislation making shooting accidents and fatalities a matter for consideration under the criminal code.

Survey Vacant Lands

Vacant Property in British Columbia to be Used for Settlement Purposes

Estates in British Columbia from 1,000 acres down, many of which have been unproductive for 20 years, and most of which are owned by persons residing in England, are to be surveyed and reported on by a representative of the Canada Colonization Association to secure them for settlement. This a part of the survey being made of vacant lands all over the West, by J. H. Mer, manager of the association, stated in an interview at Winnipeg.

The British Columbia estates referred to lie mostly in the Columbia and Okanagan Valleys and close to Vancouver.



"IDEAL fashions" by J. H. Mer.

Consideration, when the great areas of Western Canada began to be opened up, our countrymen, in the necessity of providing maps of the rugged areas of the Rocky Mountains, found that the methods of mapping were impractical and expensive, and new means had to be devised. In calling about for these means, the country was turned to the application of methods devised by the late Dr. E. G. Burt, surveyor-general of Canada, and his assistants. In their development were highly technical but in their application quite simple, this work went satisfactorily ahead. There might not be much consideration, appear to be much in connection between the art of taking pictures and that of mapping the country, but the method evolved, namely that of photo-topographic mapping, has shown in the use of aerial photography, the use of the surrounding country from high points offering commanding views and by an inversion of the principles of perspective, these photographs are translated into topographic maps.

The recent application of the aeroplane to the science of surveying is fairly generally known. When man began to fly with a reasonable degree of success, it was long before the possibilities began to be considered of substituting the moving aeroplane for the stationary mountain peak as a support for the surveyor's camera. Try as one might, the method could be applied to other than mountainous country, a most valuable feature when the extent of territory still unmanaged in our country is considered.

Mathematicians attacked the problem and the aerial photographic method of mapping was thus evolved. A method that has proven itself particularly adaptable to Canadian mapping needs. By this method alone the Topographical Survey, Department of the Interior, working in conjunction with the Royal Canadian Air Force, and provincial surveyors, has already in Ontario and Quebec, last year covered 35,000 square miles of territory, an area which by other methods would represent 3 years' work and tremendous expense.

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Population of Prairie Provinces

An Increase Shown of 111,000 Over That of 1921

According to a recent statement issued by the Canadian Government Bureau of Statistics the population of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta was 2,067,682 at June 1, 1926, when the last census was taken. This is an increase of 111,000 over the population of 1921 at the decennial census. The largest increase of the three provinces since 1921 is credited to Saskatchewan, which now has a population of 521,042, an increase of 62,282 in five years. Manitoba is next with an increase of 29,945, the latest census giving the province a total population of 629,056. Alberta in 1926 had a population of 607,544, an increase of 39,120 in five years. About sixty-four per cent. of the people of the three prairie provinces live outside the cities and towns. Of the total population of 2,067,682 in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, those living in the rural districts number 1,315,551 and 123,731 live in the urban centres.

The population of the City of Winnipeg jumped from 179,087 in 1921 to 249,179 in 1926, an increase of 70,092. In 1921 last year, it is the largest the next largest population of the Canadian prairie cities with 65,513. But Edmonton, the capital of Alberta, is a close third with 61,163, only 350 behind Calgary. Edmonton, however, shows the most notable gain since 1921 with 5242 compared with Calgary's increase of 2,208 in the five years under review.

Regina, the capital of Saskatchewan, increased from 22,129 in 1921 to 27,229 last year. Saskatoon, the seat of the University of Saskatchewan, and like Regina, surrounded by a productive farming community, has a population of 31,221, an increase since 1921 of 5,496.

While a census of the whole of Canada was taken only every ten years, one of the prairie provinces is taken every five years.

Fruit Production Lower

Figures Show Slight Decrease For Canada in 1926

Canada's total output of commercial apples for 1926 is estimated preliminarily at 2,550,000 barrels, valued at \$12,857,500, as compared with 2,645,000 barrels worth \$12,709,440, the finally revised estimate for 1925. The average value per barrel in 1926 is placed at \$5.05 as against \$5.09 in 1925.

These figures were announced by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The total value of Canada's commercial fruit production in 1925 is \$19,975,702, as compared with \$25,257,125 in 1925. The province of Quebec for fruit other than apples are not included in the estimate.

Midwest: Hilda, can't you see the spider's web. Remove it at once!

The New Mail: I thought it was part of the wireless, ha ha.

PREMIER COATES IN CANADA



The Hon. J. G. Coates, premier of New Zealand, who also holds the portfolio of Minister of Railways, passed through Canada over the Canadian Railways recently and while in Winnipeg he inspected the Transcan shops of the company and declared them to be the best railway shops he had ever seen. He was accompanied by J. B. Hunter, official secretary to the premier. New Zealand Railways and they stated that a number of features characteristic of the Transcan shops of the Canadian National Railways would be adopted by the New Zealand transportation system. The photo shows Premier Coates inspecting a piece of railway shop machinery.

"Almost Anyone Can Win"

No Better Opportunity Anywhere Than in Western Canada

In a recent letter to the Canadian Government office at Detroit, Ed. McKinnon, of Fort McMurray, gives an outline of his impressions and observations following a visit to Western Canada last fall. The letter reads in part:

"I am pleased to tell you about our trip to Western Canada last fall. We motored to Regina, and spent two months in that district. I like it there for I don't think there is any better 'gold-mining' land in America. I am going West next summer for I can have a good farm in the Regina district and will take possession in a year or so after Nov. 1, 1927.

"Saskatchewan is a great country and opportunities are plentiful and I think by some hard work almost anyone can win. Just think, it takes only ninety days for wheat to be ready to harvest and what a wonderful crop there was in some districts, especially in the heavy land—fifty bushels per acre!

"The farm I am sure I can lease is 60 acres, all under cultivation. I will buy 170 acres in the same district and some horses. Anyhow there is nothing like trying for most all farmers that use a little system are well-to-do in a few years."

"I will say this—there is no other country I know of that offers the opportunities like the Canadian Northwest."

Egg Production In Canada

Saskatchewan Follows Lead of Ontario in Largest Production

The production of farm eggs in Canada in 1925 is estimated at 277,400,229 dozen of the value of \$66,198,235, as compared with 224,775,877 dozen of the value of \$57,259,249 in 1925, an increase of 52,643,352 dozen and \$9,938,986. Quebec, 24,081,014 dozen, \$6,845,643; British Columbia, 17,112,719 dozen, \$4,791,576; Manitoba, 16,646,377 dozen, \$3,995,250; New Brunswick, 3,517,757 dozen, \$1,109,931; Nova Scotia, 2,581,627 dozen, \$1,056,564; Prince Edward Island, 2,709,115 dozen, \$1,028,552; Indian Reserves, 35,125 dozen, \$7,136. The outstanding feature in the standing in this regard of the four western provinces, these occupying second, fourth, fifth and sixth places.

Entertaining Reply

How the Dominion can meet the cost of entertaining a royal guest is shown by the South African government. The cost of the visit of the London Daily Mail's Cape Town correspondent show that South Africa spent \$22,000 (about \$125,000) in connection with the visit of the Prince of Wales in 1925, but saved \$41,000 by releasing 15,000 prisoners in honor of the occasion.

Scottish Settlers In West Plan To Establish Carding Mill To Manufacture Harris Tweeds

Increase in Wool Clip

Eleven And A Half Million Pounds Marketed in 1926

Final estimates for the wool clip of Canada for the year 1926 place the total at close to eleven and a half million pounds. Of this amount around five million pounds were used locally, the bulk of the clip in Quebec and certain new settlements in the West, consequently not reaching commercial channels. Of the remainder, about 50 per cent, or 2,500,000 pounds was marketed on a graded basis through the medium of the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers. This is a substantial increase over 1925, when 2,275,000 pounds were shipped to the Co-operative.

Southern Alberta and Southern Saskatchewan, where sheep are reared over the prairie in large flocks, have been most concentrated in raising areas in Canada, and consequently 1,500,000 pounds of the wool handled co-operatively came from these two provinces alone. Edward Prince, vice president of the Canadian Wool Growers Association, and Prince Edward Island—reported an increase in 1926 over the previous year.

Prince Was "Regular Fellow"

Associates at Osborne Gave Him Nickname of "The Sardine"

When the prince went to Osborne at Alberton he was very slight, fair-haired and blue-eyed, and looked about three years younger than any of his contemporaries. "In fact, his age, in conjunction with the fact that he was to become Prince of Wales, suggested to the humor of his contemporaries the nickname of 'The Sardine'." It was the prince's command that he should be on the same level as every other cadet in the college. "There was a certain amount of 'joke' about his arrival, but he got the weather-eyes for a bit, but there was no nonsense about 'the Sardine'." "He was like every body else," states a contemporary of the prince's at Osborne told to Major Varney. Of his Oxford days the best remark was that of a fellow undergraduate, "Of course, he was simply priceless. It was almost difficult to remember when he was the prince." Wales, yes, on the other hand, was more informally glad that he was.

Third Most Populous Nation

Soviet Russia Now Exceeded Only by China and India

The Soviet Union has become the third most populous nation in the world, being exceeded only by China and India. The latest census shows that it has a population of about 165,000,000.

Within 30 years the population of Russia increased 30 per cent. The population of the old Russian empire was 132,000,000, but 25 per cent. of that population was separated from Russia when Poland and the Baltic countries became independent after the world war.

The greatest increase has been in the cities and towns. Moscow jumped from 2,100,000 in 1927 to more than 2,600,000, and Leningrad from 1,500,000 to 1,600,000. The population has increased 120 per cent. within seven years. Russia is the largest country in the world geographically.

Exports of Live Stock

Exports of live stock from Alberta for the year 1926, show a considerable increase over those of 1925, according to figures recently issued by the Provincial Department of Agriculture. In 1925 a total of nineteen thousand eight hundred horses and two hundred and sixty-three thousand four hundred head of cattle were exported, compared with fifteen thousand, one hundred horses and two hundred and forty thousand head of cattle exported in 1925. The exports were made to other provinces, the United States and to Great Britain.

Hearty—"Can you let me off this afternoon, boss?"

Hearty—"Can you let me off this afternoon, boss? My wife wants me to go shopping with her."

Does—"Can't do it."

Hearty—"Thank you! Thank you a million times!"

People who try to stand prosperity are foolish. They should sit down, and take it easy.

A hypocrite is a man who acts different from what he knows some one is watching him.

Ornamental penmanship is a flourishing industry.

Established progress is evident in the "Glen Road" colony in North America established through co-operation between the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Scottish Immigrant Aid Society. More than a hundred families from the British Isles there last spring. In preparation for the new colony a house and barn was erected on each of the hundred farms and a well sunk. One hundred horses and three hundred cows were purchased and distributed, as well as the necessary farm machinery. With this auspicious start no time was lost in getting everybody down to work. Ten acres had been broken on each farm before establishment and this was rapidly supplemented, some of the new farms, according to the figures in the course of the season. In all, some 2,500 acres were broken in the colony, so that a substantial harvest is forecast for the present year. Some of the new settler families had received a year or two's practical training with Alberta farmers, but the majority had come from the British Isles and Ireland. Both have made gratifying progress, and while waiting for their first harvest have produced income in various ways. A number of settlers found work on the C.P.R. during construction, while over fifty engaged in stock-raising during the harvesting season, earning an average of from \$5 to \$6 per day with an average run of 200 to 300 head. A number of new farms have made a success of children farming, and some have found turkey raising profitable. An average of 100 turkeys is raised by each settler, and arrangements were made for the exchange of all dry cows for fresh cows, so that the families were assured of milk for the winter months. Many families have managed to add other horses and cattle to those provided for them by the Society. Altogether a full measure of success is indicated by the attendance at the annual year of the colony and great satisfaction is expressed by the sponsors.

A most interesting development planned in the colony and other parts of Alberta was the formation of a national industry with these people, so that most of the Alberta settlers took out their spinning wheels with them and some their hand looms. On their own initiative they have manufactured some Harris homespun which has been sold to the Hudson's Bay Company.

What is projected now by the Scottish Immigrant Aid Society is a cottage industry working in connection with a small industrial plant. The use of hand looms on the farms will be further encouraged, though these will be worked only occasionally for the main part during the winter months. It is planned to establish a carding mill in the province, Red Deer, the headquarters of the Scottish Immigrant Aid Society, being suggested as the most fitting and appropriate place. The necessary buildings are already in the possession of the Society and the greater part of the not elaborate capital has been provided by philanthropic individuals.

The scheme, which has every prospect of success, is an admirable one and one calculated to advance the best interests of the present colonies and others to be moved. A necessary firm adjunct will be a small hand loom which is in line with the policy of the Society to encourage cottage industry in Western Canada. An excellent market is said to exist for Harris Tweeds. Such a cottage industry can be most effectively run in connection with the settlement, as keeping the newcomers on the land, providing the entire family with employment, and adding substantially to its resources.

A gratifying success in its work has attended the gradual development of the Scottish Immigrant Aid Society. Through its instrumentality many splendid families have been moved from all parts of the British Isles and scattered throughout Western Canada, where they are making progress towards independence. The work is continuing, and it is a great reason it is expected that many additional families, carefully selected, will be moved from the British Isles and placed on the land, thus opening farming careers in the same satisfactory manner.

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About Town and Country

A whist drive and dance will be given under the auspices of the Women's Guild of All Saints Church, on the evening of Thursday, February 21.

The ladies curling club will give an old time dance to-morrow evening in Oyen Theatre, after show.

A Hard time dance will be held in Excel School on Friday, February 25. Prizes given for best costumes.

Dr. J. P. Kerr shipped a car-load of horses to Glencoe, Ont., last week.

Service will be held at All Saints Church next Sunday, February 20, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Died—on Monday, February 14, at the home of her brother, Miss Ellen Robinson, in her 81st year.

The Young People's Club, fortnightly dance, in the Masonic Hall, Friday, February 25.

Mr. Lloyd Stephenson of Excel, was admitted to Oyen Hospital to-day.

Under instructions from Axel Johnston, I will sell at public auction all his household goods and chattels, on Saturday, February 26, at the Masonic Hall, Oyen, at 2 p.m.

Bonspiel charts will appear in our next issue.

Bonspiel Dates

Hanna February 22-25
Chinook Feb. 28, March 1-2

OBITUARIES

GUY WILSON

Following an illness of about three weeks, Guy Wilson died at his home north of Excel, on Thursday, February 10. A funeral service was conducted at the home by Rev. C. R. Corcoran, at noon on Saturday, February 12, and burial followed at Oyen Cemetery.

A number of beautiful floral tributes were sent by friends. The late Mr. Wilson, who died in his 67th year, is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. James Barker of Excel, and one son, Walter, of Tacoma, Wash.

DORIS MARIE WILLIAMS

Doris Marie, ten-month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Williams, died on Friday night, February 11. After a funeral service, conducted at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harris, interment was carried out at Oyen Cemetery, on Saturday afternoon.

Cards of Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Williams desire to express their heartfelt thanks to their friends and neighbours, and the Women's Institute of Oyen, for their kind help and assistance during their recent bereavement.

Mrs. Guy Wilson, daughter and son, desire to express to all friends, their sincere and heartfelt thanks for the kindness and sympathy extended to them in their sad bereavement.

The Young People's Club of Oyen, in the near future, present a three act comedy play. Watch this paper for further announcements.

Car of Stove Coal on track this week. W. V. Miller.

OBITUARY

Elizabeth Julia Desmond

The death of Mrs. Elizabeth Julia Desmond, beloved wife of Humphrey J. Desmond, occurred on Monday evening, February 14, following a plucky fight against double pneumonia.

The funeral service was conducted at the Sacred Heart Church, by Rev. Father Lynett at 10 o'clock this morning, and interment followed at Oyen Cemetery.

Mrs. Desmond, who was born in Chepstow, Bruce County, Ont., died in her 56th year. She was pre-deceased by her son Gerald, who died during the flu epidemic in Oyen in 1918, and is survived by her husband, three sons, Elmer, William and Richard, and one daughter Cleophas. The late Mrs. Desmond had been in poor health since 1920, when she had flu. Since that time she had double pneumonia five times. Four times she made wonderful recoveries, but her last illness proved too much in spite of her plucky fight.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. H. J. Desmond and family desire to express their heartfelt thanks for the beautiful expressions of sympathy and kindness shown during their recent sad bereavement.

Corn Production

The Province of Alberta is definitely in the corn belt of North America. Although a few years ago it was producing very little corn, this has now come to be a large item in the annual agricultural production of the province. Last year more than one million dollars' worth of corn was produced within Alberta, chiefly in the southern part. The splendid exhibits of corn are becoming an attraction at the Seed Fairs throughout the country. Alberta in a few years will be raising corn from very large acreages.

CLASSIFIED ADS.

FOR SALE—Fresh cow with calf for sale. Phone 716, for particulars. W. L. Jakes, Excel, Alta.

FOR SALE—Tudor Ford Sedan, in good condition. Cheap for cash. Apply at Oyen Billiard Hall.

FOR SALE—Good milk cow to freshen soon. Apply to W. J. Atfleck, Sec. 5-30 4, Excel, Alta.

FOR SALE—Pure bred Barred Rock Cockerels, winter laying strain from Lethbridge Experimental Farm and Major Stranace. Price \$2.50. Phone 818. Mrs. J. G. Dale, Oyen.

USE A CLASSIFIED ADV.

AN ECHO FROM THE BONSPIEL.

De noder day a frien' o' mine,
He say "Batesee" to me,
We don't you go upon de sink
For see Bonspiel" say he.
"Dere's plantie chair for sit upon
De place shoe nice and warm—
And so at last I tink I go.
She's foolish thing you know,
But she's frozen down so hard,
I never yet did see,
For all de men was yell so loud
I tink dey go crazee;
Dey have de stone lak loog spection
An' shove it wid her han',
But why get so muche excite
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